

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2013 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chairman
Councillor C Valentine (CV)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Ian Gillies (IG), 2 members of the public and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

110 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor K Clarke (KC), Councillor R Syms (RS) and Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS)

111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

112 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
CV proposed the minutes of 3 June 2013, after 2 amendments, AP seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

113 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

Gliding Club Sign: Highways do not support the replacing of the sign by the Buckles Pub. It will cost £400 - £600 and CYC do not want to pay this. TH closed the meeting to allow Bob McLean to speak and he reported that The Gliding Club had paid £800 back in the 1980s for a lifelong contract and so CYC were in breach of contract. Mr McLean will find the contract and send a copy to CS.

The meeting was resumed.

There had been an email from CS re. HGVs through Rufforth. Andy Blain had verbally said that the S106 was unenforceable and not worth the paper it was written on. IG will speak to Andy Blain and the legal department. CS is following this up with Julian Sturdy MP.

TH will draft a letter to Andy Blain, this to be copied to IG and Julian Sturdy.

The police will not support a "no right turn" into Knapton during the A59 road works as they say there is insufficient evidence to support it. IG has put a counter down by the sheepfold.

IG had spoken to Alison Newbould (CYC PROW officer) regarding the part of the new bridleway going over the hump being very poorly dressed. CYC has done this part as Sustrans has no money left. The money was there to do it as agreed. IG is trying to get hold of Graham Titchener/Andy Vose/ Cllr. David Merrit and will do so and get back to the parish council.

The path is also not finished along Moor Lane.

Local Plan – there was a meeting at the Methodist Chapel, Rufforth the same evening as this meeting.

At the Ward Meeting:

- money for the Post Office was agreed
- Ward Boundaries were discussed. The Ward Councillors are going to propose that Rural West York remains as it is. The Clerk is to send a letter saying the Parish Council would like to see the Ward remain the same as it is not practical to join with Skelton as it is separated from the rest of the Ward by the river.

114 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk had not had a reply from Andy Blain on the new farmstead on Wetherby Road near the A1237 roundabout. The Clerk will email Matthew Parkinson (CYC) to say that we are concerned that we have not heard back on this.

The litter on the Rufforth to Hessay footpath had been reported to Rachel Stewart and CV will check that this has been dealt with.

115 PLANNING:

- Yorwaste: The Clerk will email Erik Matthews (CYC Planning Officer) to find out where the Planning Application stands at present.
- Land between West View Close and Sports Ground 13/ 01561/OUT: the Parish Council are objecting to this application.
- 59 Back Lane for extensions 13/02083/FUL: this is currently being looked at by Knapton Councillors
- Algarth, Rufforth: this is currently on the market with planning consent

116 FINANCE:

The Clerk produced a monthly financial report, a copy of which is in the minute file.

Invoices for payment: It was agreed to pay the following: £128.02 to the Clerk for the last quarter expenses, £305 to David Bush for grass cutting and £77.06 to HB for mileage expenses to Natural Burial Conference

Receipts: £2.29 bank interest and £100 memorial fee.

Bank Balances - £15,667.99

Funds available - £3,693.15

Notice Board refurbishment: It was agreed to instruct Greenbarnes to refurbish Rufforth and Ten Thorne Lane boards as per their quote of £411 but the Clerk would ask them to replace the door with a lockable one rather than an opening one.

Knapton VDS Money: It was agreed that the money left over from the Knapton VDS (£247.21) could go to the Knapton and West York Greenbelt Action Group to go towards printing costs. It was agreed that £50 could come out of the budget for professional fees for the use of the Methodist Church for meetings of the Action Group.

117 LIFE FEST:

It was agreed that if HB was happy to go and man an exhibitors table and deemed it worthwhile to spend £195 on the table she could go ahead and make the booking. This is to go on the next agenda to report back.

118 THE LOCAL PLAN:

TH, AP and CV will attend the YLCA meeting on the Local Plan on Thursday 4th July and make notes and ask questions. They will then meet on 8 July to decide on a response to the consultation.

The Action Group have found out who the owner of the land proposed for a Show People's site is and the land agent. The owner has asked the agent to remove the tick from the box saying it is suitable for a Show People's site and the agent has said it was ticked in error. Frank Rowley and James Mackman have asked the question "why does the Green Corridor coincide with the Show People's site?" They will keep us informed of the reply.

The Action Group is going to continue to fight the Local Plan to retain the Greenbelt and to stop the field between the junction of B1224/A1237 and Bland Lane being developed.

TH had a meeting with the Chairman of the Gliding Club re. wind farms. The airfield has an Airfield Safeguarding Zone lodged with CYC and hasn't been consulted. The Gliding Club will do something about this.

119 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

There are now 2 vacancies for Rufforth Ward. Someone has expressed an interest and TH will follow this up.

120 THE ELECTORAL REVIEW:

This had been discussed under Item 113.

121 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – The Clerk is to ask Tim Bilbrough to plan to cut the Wild Flower Meadow at the end of August.

Ward Committee: Ward boundary changes, Money for the Post Office, the Local Plan and the cycle path had been the main topics of discussion at the meeting last Thursday

YLCA : The next meeting is on 4th July..

Rufforth Pond: CV will speak to Askham Bryan College/Frank Patterson to see if the college could do any work to the pond as experience for students.

Crisis Management: no progress to report

Yorwaste liaison: Tuesday 9th July

122 CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

123 COMMUNICATIONS:

The web site is up to date.

124 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Next agenda – to agree funding from the Parish Council to the Post Office.

125 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd September 2013 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

126 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rae Mould asked if there was a plan in place at Yorwaste in case of fire and fumes following the fire of a Birmingham waste site caused by a Chinese lantern. TH would ask that this be added to the agenda for the liaison meeting.

It was agreed that in future if there were objections to a planning application a copy letter would be sent to CS and that we should let him know if we wanted a site visit. This was agreed in the light of the approval of a hangar on the airfield that we had objected to and Bob McLean had asked if there had been a site visit.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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